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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Before I express my concerns, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to hear them.

What I am concerned with is the effect that the newly proposed regulations on flavored malt beverages will have on the economy. The recovery of the U.S. economy is already being hindered by taxes and costly regulations.

Regulations, like proposed by the TTB for flavored malt beverages, are not needed and will be only another hindrance to the economy. They will surely be a hindrance to the manufacturers and consumers of flavored malt beverages, and even to small retailers (like myself) since part of our revenues come from the sale of these beverages.

Since I am at risk to feel the effects of these new regulations, I am appealing to you to work out a fair compromise to the unreasonable current proposal. As currently written, this proposed rules change is a regulatory disaster in the making. You have the ability to avoid this disaster by opposing this change and encouraging support for a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage business. I hope we can count on you.

Again, I appreciate your time to hear and consider my concerns.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

